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Dear parents and carers,

First Holy Communion

The date for our First Holy Communion Celebration has been confirmed as Saturday 18th June, at 10 am. This will be held in St Leonard's Church. The children taking First Holy Communion can be accompanied by siblings and up to a maximum of 6 adults per child. I have a meeting with Fr Michael on 1st April and more details will follow. In the meantime, can parents of children in Year 4 please confirm via the office email if their child is taking First Holy Communion this year before 3pm on 31st March, 2022.

Year 6 Residential - Derwent Hill

In response to queries from parents regarding the above residential, I can confirm that there will be three members of staff accompanying your children: Miss Newcombe, Miss Latham and Mrs Bolam. In order to finalise arrangements, we need to confirm exact numbers of pupils who will be going. If you have paid your deposit and your child is still going, please confirm by email to the school office. If we do not hear from you by **3pm on Wednesday 30th March, 2022** we will assume the place is no longer required and offer it to the next child on the reserve list. Further details of the kit list and arrangements will follow once numbers are finalised.

Homework questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have completed the questionnaire in order to share your views about the homework set in school. If you would still like to have your say, please complete the questionnaire via [this link](#) by noon on Monday 28th March.

Easter egg competition

The Friends of St Leonard's are holding an Easter egg competition for all children. As we are unable to have real eggs in school, your child will be provided with 3 'eggs' to be used as part of their entry for the competition. The eggs will be sent home on Tuesday 29th March and must be returned to school on Thursday 7th March. The egg designs will be judged by a guest judge and the winners will be announced in our celebration assembly on Friday 8th April. There will also be an Easter raffle and children will bring home raffle tickets in the coming week. Please do not feel under any pressure to purchase these, but if you are able to then please write your/your child's name and year group on the back of the raffle ticket and return it to school along with the money in an envelope or money bag. Again, this will be drawn after the assembly on the 8th April.

Mrs Antonia Rose

I know that many of you have had the pleasure to have been supported in some way by Mrs Rose, our office manager, and will agree with me that she has been a great friend to our school. It is with very mixed emotions that I have to confirm that Mrs Rose will be leaving us on Thursday 31st March. While she will be missed very much by pupils, staff and families alike, I am delighted that her talents and skills have been rewarded with her promotion to Business Manager. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Mrs Rose for her hard work at St Leonard's and in wishing her every success in her new venture.

Mothers everywhere

Contrary to popular belief, Mothering Sunday began as an explicitly religious event, with no connection to mothers at all. The word "mothering" referred to the "mother church", which is to say the main church or cathedral of the region. It became a tradition that, on the fourth Sunday of Lent, people would return to their mother church for a special service. This Mothers' Day would be a lovely opportunity to continue, or even restart, this old tradition and attend Mass at your own church. As a school family, the staff at St Leonard's would like to take this opportunity to recognise the guidance, support, love and care that is offered by so many of the mothers and mother-like figures that touch each of the lives of our children ahead on Mothering Sunday and wish you all a lovely, peaceful and special day!

Dionne Dunn

Acting Head Teacher